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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pirate Community,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well as we finish the school year. During the few weeks remaining, our staff and students will be extremely busy finishing classwork and preparing for upcoming state assessments and Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. It is an incredible time of year that brings with it both challenges and opportunities to bring success to oneself and to our Pirate Community. I look forward to assessing how we performed when the testing results come back to us early in the summer.

We are very excited to announce that, starting this coming school year, Port Charlotte High School has been approved as a Cambridge AICE school and will offer the Cambridge AICE diploma for qualifying students. This exciting curriculum will provide our students with multiple opportunities to enroll in classes that can significantly improve grade point averages, obtain possible collegiate coursework credit, obtain a Cambridge AICE diploma recognized and accepted at most colleges and universities, and prepare students for post-secondary school work. Our committed staff has been working diligently behind the scenes to implement this program at the start of this coming school year and all of us are looking forward to the changes that await.

To all of the members of this year's senior class, the Class of 2019, I would like to say thank you to each of you for making Port Charlotte High School a better school than when you found it four years ago. Your presence will be missed, but the impact that you have had on your school community will be felt for years to come. As you finish the school year and prepare for graduation in a few weeks, take a moment to reflect upon all of the support and encouragement you have had from your family and staff members at our school. Make sure those important people know how much you appreciate all that they provided to you over the past four years. I could not have asked for a better group of students to be part of my first four-year graduating class. Best of luck to each of you on your life's journey. Remember, "Once a PIRATE, always a PIRATE!" Congratulations!

Louis M Long
Principal



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GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance Counselor assignments school year 2018-2019:

- **Rebel Balkman** 9th Grade
- **James Strauss** 10th Grade
- **Pam Bennett** 11th Grade
- **Steve Urbach** 12th Grade

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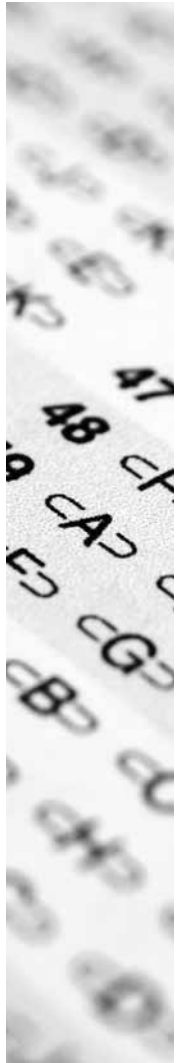
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TESTING CALENDAR

9th Grade ELA Reading	May 1 & 2
10th Grade ELA Reading	May 7 & 8
Algebra I EOC	May 13 & 14
Geometry EOC	May 15 & 16
Biology EOC	May 20
US History (Pearson)	May 21

Advanced Placement Test Dates

AP US Government	May 6
AP Environmental Science	May 6
AP Seminar	May 7
AP Spanish Language & Culture	May 7
AP Physics I	May 7
AP English Literature & Composition	May 8
AP European History	May 8
AP Psychology	May 9
AP US History	May 10
AP Computer Science Principles	May 10
AP Studio Art Portfolio Due	May 10
AP Biology	May 13
AP Calculus AB	May 14
AP Human Geography	May 14
AP English Language & Composition	May 15
AP Macroeconomics	May 15
AP Composition Government & Politics	May 16
AP World History	May 16
AP Statistics	May 16
AP Microeconomics	May 17



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CAMBRIDGE AICE SCHOOL

We are thrilled to announce our status as an approved Cambridge AICE School! Port Charlotte High, Centre UX 494, will offer students the opportunity to earn the AICE Diploma beginning in August 2019. Students who earn the diploma automatically receive full Bright Futures (FAS), a \$40,000 + scholarship. Students do not need to attain a minimum G.P.A. or SAT / ACT score to qualify for the diploma.

Advantages of the Cambridge AICE Diploma, AICE Courses, and AICE Exams:

- attaining the AICE Diploma prior to the beginning of the grade 12 year allows for an increased chance of receiving college of first choice
- entering AICE 5.0 weighted coursework in grade nine, ten, and eleven, allows for higher grade point averages attained in high school, increasing our PCHS students' status when compared to other high school students in the State of Florida.
- passing scores on AICE exams are accepted as credit at most colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.
- taking AICE courses and exams in grades nine and ten increases proficiency in Advanced Placement courses and exams.
- many of the AICE courses PCHS is onboarding in the 19-20 academic year are taught by seasoned Advanced Placement teachers with proven examination pass rates
- select PCHS AICE courses will offer the opportunity to attain industry certifications
- students sitting in AICE courses and taking the subsequent exams will be better prepared for college and the workforce

2019-2020 Cambridge AICE courses available to students:

- AICE Biology
- AICE Sociology
- AICE English General Paper
- AICE Accounting I
- AICE Mathematics I
- AICE Environmental Management
- AICE Spanish Language and Culture
- AICE French Language and Culture

***All courses listed above count as one credit and are AS in designation



2020-2021 Potential Cambridge AICE courses available to students:

- AICE English Literature
- AICE English Language
- AICE Art and Design
- AICE Divinity
- AICE Media
- AICE Literature and Language
- AICE European History
- AICE Thining Skills
- AICE Global Perspectives and Research
- AICE Physical Education
- AICE Marine Science
- AICE Chemistry
- AICE Geography


To earn the Cambridge AICE Diploma, students must earn seven credits in four areas.

Please direct all questions regarding the Cambridge AICE program to Dr. Bishop.



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BOSTON INTERNATIONAL MUN CONFERENCE

On February 5th – 11th, the PCHS Model UN Academic Team traveled to Boston to compete in Boston University's International MUN Conference. Sixteen PCHS delegates competed against 102 other schools and over 1500 students from across the entire country and around the world. During the closing awards ceremony (in an event where less than 10% of students receive awards for their performances) all 16 PCHS delegates were so honored. Some of the top U.S. teams and top teams from China and Mexico attended. In the end, Port Charlotte was announced as the #1 BEST SCHOOL DELEGATION of the entire conference for its excellent performance across all committees. Our students represented their school and our community with great honor, integrity, and professionalism. They worked incredibly hard in preparation and during the many hours of the 4-day conference.

- Winning First Place Best Delegate gavels were seniors **Zoe Ortiz** and **Noah Reid**, and sophomore **Anthony Bellino**.
- Winning 2nd Place Outstanding Delegate Awards were seniors **Maddy Odenweller** and **Marc Johnson**, and junior **Carson McNamara**.
- Winning 3rd place Honorable Mention awards were seniors **Vance Herbener**, **Bana Jarrah**, **Logan Deveau**; juniors **Anna Belevitch** and **Michelle Bifaretti**; and sophomores **Jordan Gullede** and **Jonah Katz**.
- Winning the Best Position Paper Award in his committee was senior **Simon Nease**.
- And winning a Verbal Commendation was first year senior, **Megan Corn**.

FGCU MUN CONFERENCE

On April 14th, for the 16th time in the past 21 years, the PCHS Model UN Academic Team won the **Best School Delegation Award** at the Southwest Florida Model UN Conference, topping several of the country's top teams. That put the PCHS team's 2018-19 head-to-head record against high schools from across the country and the world at 145 wins against one loss, and that loss was avenged this week.

- Winning First Place BEST DELEGATE GAVELS in their respective committees were: seniors **Simon Nease**, **Zoe Ortiz**, **Maddy Odenweller** and **Logan Deveau**, and junior **Anna Belevitch**.
 - Winning Second Place Outstanding Delegate Awards were Seniors **Marc Johnson**, **Bana Jarrah**, **Megan Corn** and **Noah Reid**, junior **Carson McNamara**, and sophomore **Jordan Gullede**.
 - **Megan Corn** was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as the conference's Best First Year Senior Delegate.
 - **Marc Johnson** was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for career excellence.
 - Seniors **Maddy Odenweller**, **Logan Deveau** and **Simon Nease** all receive \$2,500 scholarships for career excellence.
- That is three top conference championships this year led by our dynamic senior leaders.



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PRIDE OF PORT CHARLOTTE BANDS

Greetings from the "Pride" of Port Charlotte Bands! Plans and schedules for the Fall 2019 school year edition of the "Pride" of Port Charlotte Marching Band have been finalized.

The "Pride" of Port Charlotte Marching Band helps lead the excitement, energy and enthusiasm that have come to represent the atmosphere at the Pirates Cove every Friday night during a home game during the football season!

Our marching band, simply known as The "Pride," begins preparations for its fall performances with our annual Fall Pre-school camp. It is at this time that music and marching fundamentals are introduced, refined and perfected. This activity involves intensive playing sessions as well as physical activities including marching outdoors that will prepare our members for the fall outdoor performances during the fall season. Students are STRONGLY encouraged to make plans now to attend ALL of our Pre-school camp. Students who are unable to attend camp cannot be assured of a performance position within the marching band.

The "Pride" will hold its Fall Pre-school marching band and fundamentals camp at PCHS on Monday July 29-Friday August 2, 2019. Rehearsals run from 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day. On Saturday August 3rd, rehearsal will be from 9:00-12:30. At the conclusion of the rehearsal on Saturday, we will have a family cookout, followed by our end of camp performance for friends and family. During camp, Band students will have access each day to a FREE breakfast and lunch each day of camp in our cafeteria!

For further information, please contact:

- Mr. Jose Lopez, Band Director at: Jose.Lopez@yourcharlotteschools.net or
- Ms. Marianne Young, Parent Information officer at: prideofpc@gmail.com

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students of the Month:

The following students were selected as Students of the Month and had a catered lunch from Culvers with Principal Long.

February:

Freshmen

Julien Moctezuma

Joshua Coffey

Juniors

Caity Lane

Parker Barnard

March:

Freshmen

Izabelle Lopez-Rivas

Madison Davis

Juniors

Zoe Burkhart

Vasiya Delcin

Sophomores

Lowell Pioquinto

Melanie Agosto

Seniors

Valarie Ferguson

Nicholas Asselin

Sophomores

Megan Desrosiers

Jordan Klass

Seniors

Zack Menzel

Nicholas Asselin

Mega Math Challenge

The PCHS Mathematics Department would like to congratulate the following students:

- **Justin Harvey, Marc Johnson, Noah Reid, Simon Nease, and Mykell Spencer.**

These gentlemen competed in **SIAM's Mega Math Challenge**, on March 9th, and placed in the top 20% of all teams. There were 877 teams that submitted responses, and this team placed in the top 178. For the first time in school history, a team made it to the second round of scoring.

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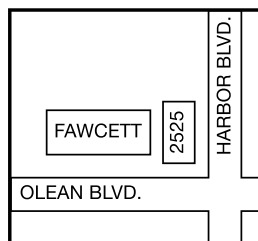
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THE TEEN BRAIN

Ever wonder why your teen does things? I know I often think, now why in the world did my teen make that decision? The truth of the matter is that the teen’s brain is not fully developed. In fact, the part of the brain responsible for decision-making (the pre-frontal cortex), risk taking, and judgement, is not developed until around 25 years old. Therefore, not to make excuses for our teens, but it may not be entirely their fault that they made a poor choice.

Another thing to know about this time of amazing brain development is that it is affected by many different things. Eating healthy, getting enough sleep, managing stress, are all-important factors to protecting the brain and helping it to be as healthy as possible. More than those basic health factors though, the brain development can be negatively affected using Marijuana. Dr. Jodi Gilman explains that Marijuana use during adolescence can affect memory loss significantly more than Marijuana use as an adult and can be a big cause of depression in adolescents. Dr. Frances Jensen tells us that because the way the teen brain is developing, it is more vulnerable to damage than the adult brain and that the teen brain can get addicted faster and stronger than an adult can to substances.

Therefore, when we think about the teen brain still being under development, especially the parts that are responsible for decision-making and risk taking, and we think about the serious side effects of substance use on the teen brain, it is vital that we make efforts to help protect their brain. Dr. Chelsea Neuman gives some great tips to help our teens. She says that we should 1) talk to your teen – setting clear expectations about not using Marijuana with consistent consequences 2) Monitor activities and friends 3) Maintain openness to talk.

For more information, visit us online at www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org or find us on social media: Facebook (Drug Free Charlotte County), twitter (@DFCCTweets), or Instagram (drugfreecharlottecounty).

GULFSHORE OPERA

On Saturday, March 31st, a group of PCHS French students attended the Gulfshore Opera presentation of La Traviata at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County with Mrs. Derocher. This was possible by a grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County. After the show, students met the performers, took pictures and had the opportunity to ask questions and get autographs. La Traviata is a well-known opera, which takes place in Paris in the mid-1800’s.



PROJECT GRADUATION

Registration forms were distributed to students to sign up for Project Graduation – It’s Not Too Late!!!

The school year is FLYING by! We have a lot to do in little time. For many of us it’s hard to find the time as our normal lives are busy. *“The more hands the lighter the work”*.

Junior Parents – WE NEED YOU! We will need “runners” to pick up the food donations for the event on 5/22 and assist with set up. It’s also a great time to see what you have to look forward to next year as you start planning and organizing for your “Senior”.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROTC PIRATES

On April 13th, the PCHS NJROTC competed in the FIRST Sarasota County Orienteering Show Down, and our very own pirates walked away earning two beautiful trophies and seven medals, Placing 1st place in the Green competitive category, and 2nd place in the overall competition.

Special recognition to the following ROTC Pirates for their exceptional performance:

- Cadet **Kelly Gay** placed 3rd in the Yellow female category
- Cadet **Austin Acosta** placed 3rd in the Orange male category
- Cadet **Dylan Shaw** placed 5th in the Orange male category
- Cadet **Owen Morazes** placed 3rd in the Green male category
- Cadet **John Flaws** placed 4th in the Green male category
- Cadet **Oley Worley** placed 5th in the Green male category
- Cadet **Chloe Hunter** placed 2nd in the female Green category

Our ROTC Orienteering team is headed to the STATE CHAMPTIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PIRATE HISTORY THIS COMING SATURDAY, LETS WISH THEM WELLAS THEY REPRESENT PIRATE NATION.

PIRATE SPORTS



GIRLS STATE WEIGHTLIFTING

Seven Lady Pirate Weightlifters represented PCHS at the Class 1A State Championship. The girls established several personal bests in a field of competitors that broke several State Records. Below are the results of their performances:

- **Leanna Thompson** - 15th place - benched 110lbs, clean & jerk 135lbs; TOTAL 245lbs
- **Zoeie Kaufman** - 15th - **benched 185lbs (PR)**, clean & jerk 165lbs; TOTAL 350lbs
- **Kayla Jarrett** - 13th - **benched 150lbs (tied her PR)**, clean & jerk 14 lbs; **TOTAL 290lbs (tied her PR)**
- **Kylie Kaufman** - 12th - benched 150lbs, clean & jerk 150 lbs; TOTAL 300lbs
- **Alicia Kowalski** - 8th place - benched 140lbs, **clean & jerk 155lbs (PR)**; TOTAL 295lbs (tied PR)
- **Nicky Moss** - 7th place - **benched 130lbs (PR)**, clean & jerk 130lbs (PR); TOTAL 260lbs (PR)
- **Ameijah Jones** - 5th place - **benched 155lbs (PR)**, clean & jerk 155lbs (tied PR); TOTAL 310lbs (PR)

Congratulations Lady Pirates!

BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING STATE MEET

The following students traveled to Panama City Beach for the FHSAA Boy Weightlifting Meet State Finals on April 12th .

- **Jakobe Morgan**
- **Christian Clark**
- **Ja'nyrein Washington**
- ◆ Ja'nyrein Washington finished 9th in the state in the 219lbs class
- ◆ Christian Clark finished 13th in the state in the 199lbs class
- ◆ Jakobe Morgan finished 14th in the state in the 119lbs class

This year our boys weightlifting team repeated as County Champions. Our team was young this spring so we are excited about the group of hardworking men that will return next season. We wish our seniors Yuri Brady, Christian Clark, and Brandon Leacock all the best and are proud of what they accomplished this year.



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DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Senior Pool Party	Fri. May 10th
Prom	Sat. May 11th-Charlotte Event Center
Senior Final Exams	Mon. May 13th- Thurs. May 16th
Senior Make-up Exams	Thurs. May 16th & Fri. May 17th
Senior Awards	Thurs. May 16th – 7pm Gym
Baccalaureate	Mon. May 20th-6pm Murdock Baptist Church
Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY)	Mon. May 20th; Tues. May 21st; Wed. May 22th – 8am-1pm GYM
Senior Breakfast	Wed. May 22h – 8am Cafeteria
Graduation	Wed. May 22th – 7 pm

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 6	SAC Meeting
May 7	SAT
May 9	Spring Chorus Concert
May 10	ROTC Blood Drive
May 15	Underclassmen Awards
May 16	Senior Awards
May 22nd	Graduation – Lee Civic Center
May 27th	MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL
May 31st	Last Day for Students
June 1	SAT
June 3rd	Last Day for Teachers
June 8	ACT